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February 2, 1995

James W. Hill
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Re: Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, Mystery Mine, ML 45848, S/019/034, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Hill:

Thank you for your 1994 annual report received by this office January 20, 1995. You now identify your project as the Mystery Mine. Upon filing your report, it was discovered that the Division has not yet sent a letter formally accepting the small mine notice of intention for ML 45848. It appears that for some reason the acceptance letter was overlooked. We apologize for this oversight. We have reviewed your Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations, for the Mystery Mine (ML 45848) Project, located in the SW 1/4 of Section 2 and the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 3, T24S, R20E, SLBM, Grand County, Utah. You did not request any variances in your notice. We find your notice to be **complete** and we require no additional information at this time.

Correspondence we have received from the Division of State Lands and Forestry (now called The School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA)) indicates you have satisfied all of their requirements as well.

For your reference, I have enclosed copies of our summarized rules regarding "Operation and Reclamation Practices", and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

Should you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements.



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Thank you for your cooperation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Anthony A. Gallegos".

Anthony A. Gallegos
Reclamation Engineer

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Enclosure
cc: John Blake, SITLA
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